

an opening for putting in and out the unit packages provided on an upper part of said square-tubular case;

a lid for closing said opening;

a bottom; and

an extracting outlet or a tear-off portion for forming an extracting outlet for extracting the unit package, the extracting outlet or tear-off portion being inclined so that a front end is lower than a rear end,

wherein the top surface of said bottom is inclined so that the front side of the bottom is lower than the rear side thereof and said extracting outlet or the tear-off portion is provided on a side wall of said square-tubular case such that the unit package, which is to be placed on the top surface of the bottom, is taken out of the outlet from one end of the stick-like articles in the unit package.

2. (Amended) The dispensing package in accordance with claim 1, wherein said unit packages contain a plurality of batteries aligned in parallel with the front wall of the square-tubular case.

4. (Amended) The dispensing package in accordance with claim 1, wherein said square-tubular case has a bottom surface with which the square-tubular case can stand independently on a mounting board.

5. (Amended) The dispensing package in accordance with claim 1, wherein a suspending piece for suspending the square-tubular case is provided on a top end of the square-tubular case.

6. (Amended) The dispensing package in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least the front wall of the square-tubular case is transparent.

7. (Amended) The dispensing package in accordance with claim 1, wherein a partition is placed on the unit package in the highest position in the square-tubular case.

14. (Amended) The dispensing package in accordance with claim 1, wherein said dispensing package is assembled by a single sheet and a base, the base including a top surface which is inclined so that a front side of the base is lower than a rear side thereof, said single sheet comprising:

a front wall, a rear wall and right and left side walls forming the square-tubular case;

flaps and a top wall for closing the upper opening of the square-tubular case; a bottom wall constituting a bottom of the square-tubular case; and a tear-off portion for forming the extracting outlet.

15. (Amended) The dispensing package in accordance with claim 1, wherein said dispensing package is assembled by a single sheet, said single sheet comprising:

a front wall, a rear wall and right and left side walls forming the square-tubular case;

flaps and a top wall for closing the upper opening of the square-tubular case;

a first base-forming portion including bottom wall pieces, upstanding pieces and top surface pieces that are respectively connected to the lower part of said right and left side walls;

a bottom wall connected to a lower part of said front wall;

and a down-standing piece that are respectively connected to the rear wall; and

a tear-off portion for forming the extracting outlet.

16. (Amended) A dispensing package comprising:

a square-tubular case accommodating therein stacked unit packages, each unit package containing a plurality of cylindrical batteries aligned in parallel with the front wall of the square-tubular case;

an opening for putting in and out the unit packages provided on an upper part of said square-tubular case;

a lid for closing said opening;

a bottom; and

an extracting outlet or a tear-off portion for extracting the unit packages,

wherein the top surface of said bottom is inclined so that the front side of the bottom is lower than the rear side thereof and said extracting outlet or the tear-off portion is provided on a side wall of said square-tubular case such that the unit package that is in facing engagement with the top surface of the bottom is taken out of the outlet from an end of the batteries in the unit package.

17. (New) A dispensing package comprising:

a square-tubular case including a bottom and side walls, said bottom including a top surface, a front side and a rear side, said top surface being inclined so that said front side is lower than said rear side;

an opening in an upper part of said square-tubular case;

a lid for closing said opening; and

an extracting outlet or a tear-off portion being formed in one of said side walls, said extracting outlet or tear-off portion including a front end, a rear end, and a mid-portion between the front and rear ends, said extracting outlet or tear-off portion being inclined so that said front end is lower than said rear end.

In the Drawings:

Applicants propose amending the drawings as shown in the Proposed Drawing Amendment, which is being filed herewith. Applicants propose amending Fig. 5 to cancel and replace reference numeral 22, which identifies a right hand upper flap, with reference numeral 23, as shown in red ink on the attached copy of Fig. 5. In addition, Applicants propose amending Fig. 9 to cancel and replace reference numeral 131, which identifies a base, with the reference numeral 151, as is shown in red ink on the attached copy of Fig. 9. Applicants also propose inserting new Fig. 12, a copy of which is attached.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 14-17 are currently pending in the application, as amended. Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 14-16 have been amended to consistently utilize the phrase, "square-tubular case" when referring to the case of the present invention. Support for this amendment can be found in the original claims and throughout the Specification. Claim 1 has been amended to specifically point out that the square-tubular case houses stacked unit packages and the extracting outlet or tear-off portion is inclined so that a front end is lower than a rear end. Support for these amendments can be found in the third and fourth paragraphs on page 3, last paragraph on page 5 to last paragraph on page 6, first full and second paragraphs on page 10 and in the Abstract of the Specification and in Fig. 1. Claim 2 has been amended to distinctly claim plural unit packages as is defined in claim 1. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors and to explicitly claim that the single sheet includes flaps and a top wall, as opposed to a second lid, for closing the upper opening of the square tubular case. Support for this amendment can be found in the fourth full paragraph on page 12, last paragraph on page 15, third full paragraph on page 17 and second full paragraph on page 19 of